



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners
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REGULAR MEETING
April 25, 2007

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Della Estrada, L.Ac., Chairman
Joe Balensi, L.Ac., Secretary
Yong Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member
Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H), Professional Member
Michael J. Robb, D.C., Professional Member
Toni Karnas, Public Member
Diane Pruetz, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

Vacancy, Public Member
Vacancy, Professional Member

Attorney General Representative:

Seth Hargraves

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

I. Call to Order

Chairman Estrada called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

II. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were none identified.

III. Board Member Information Session

The Board was provided a brief overview of paperwork and documents required for the State Board's office records. Megan Darian from the State Board's office assisted the Board in the completion of the necessary paperwork.

IV. Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Board Member Pruetz moved for the approval of the minutes for February 28 and March 28, 2007 with Board Member Balensi providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 7-0 vote.

V. Complaints/Investigations

Complaint #2007-001 (UC) re: Andre Zitcer, L.Ac.

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the Board with a brief explanation of the complaint that alleges unprofessional conduct by Mr. Zitcer. This complaint was filed by The Meadows Mellody House. The complaint alleges that Andre Zitcer had a boundary failure with a client/patient at The Meadows Mellody House in Wickenburg, Arizona.

David Morrison, attorney representing Andre Zitcer, addressed the Board and made himself available to the Board for questions. Mr. Morrison stated Mr. Zitcer was no longer treating the patient when the contact took place and therefore no violation occurred.

Board Members asked Mr. Zitcer a number of questions on the incident and what contributed to Mr. Zitcer's decision to leave the facility. Mr. Zitcer acknowledged that on two occasions he met with the client outside of the facility. Mr. Zitcer was asked to describe his training in the area of ethics and boundary issues.

Board Member Pruetz provided a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice. Board Member Karnas seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion with a 7-0 vote. The Executive Session started at 1:28 p.m.

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting session at 1:59 p.m.

Board Member Robb made a motion to table this complaint until the next meeting with Board Member Deng providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 7-0 vote.

Complaint #2007-002 (UP) re: Gregory S. Steerman

Complaint #2007-003 (UP) re: Hannah Flance Steerman

Complaint #2007-004 (UP) re: Amara Franko

The Board reviewed and discussed the above listed complaints. Board Member Wilks moved for the dismissal of these complaints with Board Member Deng providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 7-0 vote.

VI. Applications for Licensure

Board Member Wilks moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Balensi providing a second. The Board approved the motion by a 7-0 vote.

- A. Amara Franko
- B. Yuanli Wang
- C. Justin M. Schares
- D. Gregory S. Steerman
- E. Hannah Flance Steerman
- F. Stefanie E. Lischer
- G. Tammy D. Mullins

VII. Applications for Auricular Certification

Board Member Estrada moved for the approval of the applicants for auricular certification listed below with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The Board approved the motion by a 7-0 vote.

- A. Tiffany Bastedo
- B. Alethea M. Do
- C. Francisco J. Martinez
- D. Katharine F. Billipp
- E. Genaro Diaz
- F. Colleen DeRango

VIII. Other Applications/Requests – Continuing Education

The Board was provided an explanation of the materials by the Executive Director before the Board considered the applications. The approval checklist was discussed and reviewed.

Board Member Deng moved for the approval of the Continuing Education Application listed below with Board Member Pruetz providing a second. The Board approved the motion by a 7-0 vote.

<u>Acupuncture and Fertility</u>	1.5 CEU's
<u>How to Read Lab Reports</u>	1.5 CEU's
<u>CPR Certification</u>	2 CEU's
<u>Clinical Application of Unusual and Exotic Points</u>	1 CEU
<u>Orthopedic Applications of Scalp Points</u>	1 CEU

IX. Professional Business

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the Board with an explanation of Senate Bill 1295. This legislation changes the term “oriental” to “asian” found throughout state law and rule. Board Members expressed a concern with this change due to the vagueness of the term “asian”.

The Board continued the review of its rules with the assistance of a rules writer.

X. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director shared a report on the activities for the past month and an update on the state budget.

XI. Future Meeting Dates

The Board changed its May 23, 2007 meeting to May 30, 2007.
June 27, 2007
July 25, 2007

XII. Call to the Public

No requests were made.

XIII. Discussion of Items to placed on a future meeting agenda

No items were identified.

XIV. Adjournment

Board Member Estrada moved for adjournment and Board Member Balensi provided a second. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: 7/25/07

